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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 March 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-44 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 41-44 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 15-40 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-4,6-12 and 14 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 5 and 13 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 5,13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
2. Claims 15-40 are allowable over the prior art of record.
3. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

As per the independent claims of claims 15-40, the recited limitations of calculating, quantizing, and using a pitch period, a voice probability, a mid-frame pitch period, and a mid-frame voice probability, is not explicitly taught by the prior art of record. Gao, for example, teaches a LP analysis performed on a subframe basis (performed twice per frame), but only uses one set of values from both sets measured (as pointed to in applicants arguments, pp 20).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-4,6-12,14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nishiguchi (5765127).

As per claims 1,8,12, Nishiguchi (5765127) teaches:

“a system....time intervals” as breaking into segments (fig 2a);
“means for detecting.....frequency” as extracting pitch (col. 5 lines 25-32);
“means responsive to the detecting....determining means comprising” as computing a ratio of voiced to unvoiced segments (col. 2 lines 30-40);
“means for windowing.....windowed segment” as windowing and spectral calculations (col. 5 lines 25-32);
“means for computing correlation.....for each segment” as using autocorrelation coefficients to find the pitch, and if found, determining that it is voiced (col. 6 line 54 – col. 7 line 10; col. 8 lines 22-38);
“means for separating.....audio signal” as determining the appropriate signal for voice or unvoiced, each of which occur in separate bands, and encoding differently between voice and unvoiced (col. 8 lines 31-66).

As per claims 2,9, Nishiguchi (5765127) teaches:

“wherein the audio signal....windowed segment” as refining the pitch according to the window and spectrum (col. 8 lines 18-31, referring back to col. 7 lines 26-44).

As per claims 3,6,8,10, Nishiguchi (5765127) teaches using LPC and LSP coefficients (col. 1 lines 20-30).

As per claims 4,7,11,14, Nishiguchi (5765127) teaches FFT (fig. 1, subblock 105).

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments filed 3/7/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. As per applicants arguments that Nishiguchi does not teach LSF's, examiner argues that the referenced part of Nishiguchi teaches LSP's (which is a pairing pertaining to LSF's). As per applicants arguments against claims 15,16,20-22,24,26-29,33-35,37,39, and 40, these arguments are moot in view of the notice of allowed claims.

Conclusion

7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

8. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA., Sixth Floor (Receptionist).

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Opsasnick, telephone number (571)272-7623, who is available Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Wayne Young, can be reached at (571)272-7582. The facsimile phone number for this group is (571)272-7629.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group 2600 receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600, the 2600 Customer Service telephone number is (571)272-2600.

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